

SH-H-H-H! Listen and you will hear an attempt to correct an error we made in identification of characters in a picture in last week's paper during the rush of getting the Christmas issue out early.

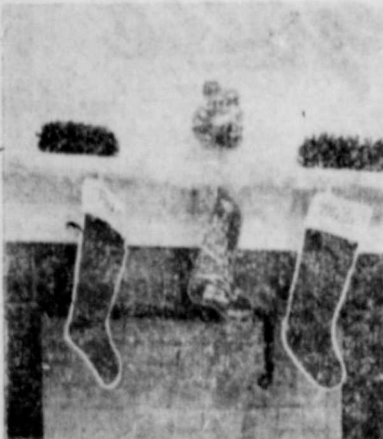
For purposes of clarity we have dissected the excellent portrait sent us by Glenn Marshall of San Marcos, and step by step will try to straighten the record.



Santa Claus was unidentified, but we have it on good authority that he came direct from the North Pole to the Marshall fire-side. So far we haven't been proved wrong.



The two lads blissfully sleeping through Santa's visit were Mike Marshall (on the right), ONLY son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Marshall, and (on the left) Douglas Gott, a neighbor of the Marshalls.



One sock hanging before the mantel was Mike Marshall's. The other sock, marked Pat, was for Mike's dog. (Photo not available).

The grandparents in Hico, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Marshall, were doubtless surprised that we had designated an extra grandson for them. But they seem to be good-humored about the matter, as are Glenn and DeAlva and Mike who were up visiting during Christmas.

For having fouled up the record, we might mention that there are really three grandchildren in the Marshall family, including the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. M. Maynard Marshall Jr. of Corpus Christi, Marvin III and Jimmy.

We hope all concerned had a Merry Christmas, and wish for them a Happy New Year. Please excuse our misinformation.

Roland A. Forgy, now publisher of a weekly newspaper at Chester, California, in the high Sierras of the northern part of that State, has reverted to type (literally).

After leaving Hico for a hitch in the army, the former employee of the News Review has been engaged in a variety of undertakings, including the acquisition of about all the college learning one person could use. This, in addition to his native ability inherited from his parents, both of whom have been associated with the local paper, will come in handy in the calling he has re-embraced.

He and his wife Charlotte have the best wishes of this column, as well as of many other friends here. May their Gremkins be little ones.

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Black-Eyed Peas on New Year's Day Need Hog Jowl With Them

Taylor, Texas, Dec. 28.—The traditional custom of eating black-eyed peas on New Year's Day to start the year off properly may have added meaning this New Year of 1954.

That is the opinion of Elmore R. Torn, who has promoted the wider acceptance of the custom as his hobby for many years.

Eating of black-eyed peas cooked with salt hog jowl on New Year's Day carries with it the legend that the custom associates itself with luck. Its observance is more universal in the Southern states, but has now moved into practically all states, according to Torn.

Torn feels that the millions of people who observe the custom this year will give thanks that the New Year of 1954 comes as a day of peace in the world, regardless of how unstable it may yet be.

At the same time they may offer a silent prayer that peace may remain in the world and that the struggle to keep and extend freedom may gain in its march towards eventual triumph.

Torn said he wishes to invite all to join in the observance of the custom of goodwill.

Any kind of black-eyed peas are satisfactory for the observance of the custom, but the truest interpretation calls for cooking dried black-eyed peas with hog jowl.

Mid-Texas Hereford Breeders to Have Show And Sale Next Week

The Mid-Texas Hereford Breeders Association will sponsor its eleventh annual show and sale in Stephenville City Park Arena on Friday, Jan. 8. The show is to begin at 10:00 a. m., and the sale will be held in the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock.

This association is composed of Hereford breeders from Hamilton, Bosque, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hood, Palo Pinto, and Somervell counties, whose purpose is to offer at auction good Registered Hereford cattle. The 25 breeders who are consignors to this sale are offering 40 top bulls and 23 excellent cows.

C. M. Largent Jr. will judge the offering for the sale the morning of the sale, and only sale cattle can enter the show.

Co. Walter Britten will be auctioneer for the sale. All stockmen and cattle raisers are invited to attend, said Lee Campbell, president of the association. Sandwich lunch will be served on the grounds by the Erath County Home Demonstration Council.

Hunters Are Careless In Not Being Up On License Requirements

Austin, Dec. 28.—The Director of Law Enforcement for the Game and Fish Commission said wardens' arrest reports indicate that some Texans "are a little careless in not informing themselves about their hunting license requirements."

He said the latest tabulation shows 50 prosecutions for the lack of hunting licenses. Thirty-two of the hunters were residents and eighteen were non-residents.

The Law Enforcement Director said persons hunting small game out of their own home county must have licenses. Persons hunting big game everywhere except on the property upon which they reside must have licenses.

Watchnight Program To Be New Year's Eve At First Baptist Church

The Baptist Training Union is sponsoring a Watchnight Program at the First Baptist Church on Thursday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. The whole church membership is invited to attend, according to an announcement from Mrs. Weldon Pierce, Training Union director.

"There will be fun for everyone," Mrs. Pierce stated. "Local and out-of-town talent will be used. If you have a talent, let us know, and we will be glad to have volunteers until the program is filled."

She also invited members to bring a friend to this program.

WEATHER REPORT

The following weather report is submitted by W. R. Hampton, local observer for the Climatological Service of the United States Weather Bureau:

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.
Dec. 23	34	16	0.00
Dec. 24	26	10	0.00
Dec. 25	27	17	0.00
Dec. 26	65	22	0.00
Dec. 27	60	37	0.00
Dec. 28	58	33	0.20
Dec. 29	63	28	0.00

Total precipitation so far this year, 22.60 inches.

'HAPPY LANDING KID'



New Year Resolutions Should Include One About Personal Health

Austin, Dec. 28.—At this time of the year when everyone is making their New Year resolutions Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, urges that one be included to do something about personal health.

That resolution would be to have a complete physical examination. This is the time for the person forty and over to take stock of the situation as far as he is concerned. The best way to prepare for a continuing happy life is to begin early. An important thing is the periodic check-up by your doctor. A health problem discovered early is always easier to correct. Prevention is the watchword. The principal foes of health to confront in the middle years are heart disease, cancer, high blood pressure, hardened arteries, diabetes and arthritis.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death. A person with a damaged heart should learn his limitations and not exceed them. Many persons with heart disease lead useful and productive lives by following their physician's instructions.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death. Many types of cancer can either be cured or brought under control if found early and diagnosed. This is another important reason why the periodic medical check-up is a "must."

Diabetes is a condition in which the body cannot use sugar. If you have not been tested lately to see if this has developed, you should do so at once.

Three of the diseases common to the after-forty group are concerned with the circulation of the blood. These are apoplexy, hardened arteries, and high blood pressure. You will want your physician to check your blood pressure.

A great deal can be done to arrest certain forms of arthritis. The person may be put on a special diet. The doctor may advise the removal of some hidden infections. Let's plan to keep well during 1954.

Commissioner Expresses Thanks and Announces Re-Election Candidacy

To the Voters of Precinct 3, Hamilton County, Texas:

In announcing my candidacy for re-election as your Commissioner, I wish to call attention to my record since I was first honored as your choice for this important office. I am especially proud of the work accomplished and the machinery bought for the proper maintenance of the roads. I have tried to be as careful in the handling of the business of the county as I would have been of my own affairs.

I am grateful for your confidence in the past and I fully realize my obligation to serve you to the best of my ability.

Upon the basis of my record, I am asking you to elect me again and I assure you that I will appreciate your vote and a good word to your friends.

Respectfully,
FERN JORDAN.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The News Review will accept announcements for district and county offices in the order they are received, each to be carried through the first and second primaries unless otherwise eliminated. Rates for the various offices are listed below:

District Offices	\$17.50
County Offices	\$17.50
Commissioners	\$12.50
Justice Offices	\$10.00

All political advertising is payable cash in advance. A free news notice, of reasonable length, goes with each announcement placed, to be written and signed by the candidate.

The News Review is authorized to publish the following political announcements subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries:

Hamilton County	
For Commissioner, Precinct 3:	FERN JORDAN (Re-Election)
For Tax Assessor-Collector:	BILLY G. WOOD (Re-Election)
For County Clerk:	IRA MOORE (Re-Election)
For Co. School Superintendent:	FOREST O. HARPER (Re-Election)

Good Record Noted For Past Year in Tenth Court of Civil Appeals

Waco, Dec. 29.—The Tenth Court of Civil Appeals "lost" only 2 of the 77 cases it heard in 1953, Chief Justice Frank G. McDonald said this week.

Like lawyers, the Appeals Court that serves 16 Central Texas counties likes to have its decisions upheld.

"That is why we feel very good about the fact that the State Supreme Court agreed with our reasoning in 97.3 per cent of our cases. We think that is somewhat above average, although most of our eleven appeals courts have averages of more than 90 per cent," said McDonald, the newest, youngest member of the court.

The Tenth Court is caught up in its work, despite being asked to handle several cases from the Galveston and Beaumont courts.

Of the 77 cases acted upon by the 10th Court this year, 61 were affirmed, meaning the court was upholding the verdict of a district court. Reversals totaled 17.

McDonald, native of Meridian, now living in Hillsboro, commented, "The 10th Court has one of the best records of any Texas court for prompt, careful handling of cases, and for correctness of decisions handed down."

County Superintendent Thanks Voters While Asking for Re-Election

Dear Patrons and Friends:

This notice is to place before you my candidacy for re-election as County Superintendent. In so doing I need and hereby seek your kind assistance and generous support as afforded in the past.

I express appreciation for the trust you have placed in me by electing me to this office. I have discharged the duties and accepted the responsibilities to the very best of my ability.

My pledge is, when re-elected, to continue to conduct the County Superintendent's office in an honest, efficient, economical and courteous manner, giving my undivided attention to the best interest of the girls and boys of Hamilton County and the financial affairs of the schools in interest of all her citizens.

It is with humility and yet with sober confidence in my ability to serve Hamilton County well that I submit my candidacy to you. Your interest, your support, your advice and your encouragement will be most sincerely appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
FOREST O. HARPER.

Methodist Church To Hold Services In Chapel Sunday

Announcement has been made that regular services will be held in the church auditorium of First Methodist Church on Sunday, January 3, as opposed to the announcement at church that they would be held elsewhere.

Rev. D. R. McCauley, pastor, made the announcement, and said that until further notice, members and visitors will meet at the church building, adding that he would make announcement in plenty of time when the building plans progress to the point of finding a new location.

Services as usual will be as follows:
10:00 a. m. Sunday School
11:00 a. m. Morning Worship
6:15 p. m. Methodist Youth Fellowship
7:00 p. m. Evening worship.

County Clerk Expresses Thanks for Confidence And Many Kindnesses

TO THE VOTERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY:

In announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of County Clerk, I want to thank each and every one of you for the many kindnesses shown me and my family since I have been serving as your County Clerk. I assure you that we appreciate your every kind word and deed.

I have served you to the best of my ability during these past years, and shall continue to do so, if you see fit to elect me to another term.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all.

Sincerely,
IRA MOORE.

WITH THE COLORS

BACK TO REGULAR DUTY

Sergeant First Class Lonnie Redden, who with his family has been visiting in Stephenville with his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Higginbotham, was in Hico Monday.

Lonnie, who has been in recruiting work at various places, most recently at Marshall, has been re-assigned to regular duty in Alaska. He expects to leave soon to report at Seattle, Washington, shortly after the first of the year. For the present his wife and two children, Lynn and Deborah, will remain in Texas.

IREDELL SERVICEMAN IS ASSIGNED TO NEW JOB AT STATION IN GERMANY

Mannheim, Germany, Dec. 22.—Pvt. Danny L. Wilson, whose wife, Peggy, lives in Odessa, Texas, recently was assigned as a pole line-man with Company C of the 29th Signal Construction Battalion near Mannheim, Germany.

The battalion builds and maintains communication facilities at U. S. Army Europe headquarters in Heidelberg and other units in the Headquarters Area Command.

Private Wilson, son of Mrs. S. A. Wilson, Iredell, entered the Army last May.

BACK AS CIVILIAN

Cpl. Wade Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Jones, spent the Christmas holidays here with his family after receiving an honorable discharge from the U. S. Marines on December 2 at Camp Pendleton, California.

Wade served for two years, and spent 12 months of this time in Korea. He has returned to Big Lake to his job with Ford Motor Co., the job which he had before entering service.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Bobby Britton, Airman Third Class stationed at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, enjoyed the holidays at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Britton, and family. He was fortunate in getting a 15-day leave.

IREDELL SERGEANT TO RETURN SOON AFTER SERVICE IN ALASKA

U. S. Forces, Alaska, Dec. 28.—Sergeant First Class Royce Linch, son of Mrs. Ida Linch, Route 1, Iredell, will return to the U. S. next month after serving with the 86th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion in Alaska.

Army units stationed in Alaska undergo intensive field training while guarding the northern approaches to the U. S. and Canada. SFC Linch, a platoon sergeant with Battery D, entered the Army in February 1950.

RM3 Lester Simpson, stationed aboard the USS Lewis out of San Diego, California, arrived in Hico December 29 for a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Simpson, and other relatives.

Billy G. Wood Thanks Voters and Seeks Their Continued Support

TO THE PEOPLE OF HAMILTON COUNTY:

In announcing my candidacy for re-election, I wish to thank you for your splendid support in the past and to assure you that your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Should I be re-elected as your Tax Assessor-Collector, I will strive to give you the benefit of the experience and knowledge gained during my tenure in this capacity, and to continue to merit your confidence and support.

Sincerely,
BILLY G. WOOD,
Tax Assessor-Collector.

Vic Vet says

ONE IMPORTANT FACT POST-KOREA VETS SHOULD NOT FORGET—THE NONDISABLED HAVE ONLY 120 DAYS AFTER DISCHARGE TO APPLY FOR GI LIFE INSURANCE. AFTER THAT, THE PRIVILEGE IS GONE.



For full information contact your nearest VETERANS ADMINISTRATION office.

Winners In Yule Lighting Contest Told

Winners in the annual Christmas lighting contest sponsored by the Hico Garden Club and the Hico Chamber of Commerce have been announced as follows:

Outdoor Lighting: 1st, Mrs. Lenard Weaver; 2nd, Mrs. Weldon Pierce.
Best Decorated Window: Mrs. O. L. Davis.
Best Decorated Door: Mrs. R. B. Goodloe.

Judges mentioned several other displays which were outstanding, and expressed regret that they could not award second places in other divisions.

Mrs. Weaver's display was the manger scene represented by life-like figures, and the Pierce home was decorated with a huge lighted star on the roof.

Mrs. Davis's window was her ice blue Christmas tree framed in a picture window, and set off with dainty curtains. Honorable mention in this division went to Mrs. R. W. Hancock for her unique cardboard figures of three choir boys, in a picture window. Miss Mettie Rodgers's window was also mentioned as outstanding. She had a modern Christmas tree of white branches in her window, decorated with icicles.

The prize-winning door of Mrs. Goodloe was plastered with Christmas cards inside the glass. At the right of the door was a painted toy cart, and the Christmas tree was seen through the window on the other side of the door.

Mrs. C. A. Russell's door received honorable mention from the judges. It was framed with large candles which appeared to be burning, and a Christmas greeting was worded on the door. Mrs. J. A. Jordan's home also received honorable mention. She had a large cardboard figure of Santa Claus spotlighted at the doorway.

Mrs. L. N. Lane, president of the Garden Club, expressed her appreciation to all who entered and to the Chamber of Commerce for their cooperation in the annual contest and their help in enabling them to make the prizes larger.

Parents Are Notified Of Change in Time for Taking School Census

Notice is given that, effective this year, the annual time for taking school census has been changed to the month of January.

The State Legislature moved this enrollment period from March to January to facilitate completing a valid census roll for each district by September 1 or the beginning of a school year.

The scholastic age remains 6 years to 18 years of age on or before September 1 following.

Parents are urged to cooperate in this enrollment because it has bearing on your child's eligibility in school as well as entitling the school to \$65.00 per capita money.

"Any parent not contacted by February 1 should report to the Superintendent or Head Teacher of the school district in which you reside," states Hamilton County Superintendent Forest O. Harper in a news release for publication.

4-H, FFA Day At Fort Worth Show To Draw Throngs

Fort Worth, Dec. 28.—Thousands of boys and girls will throng the Southwestern Exposition and Fair Stock Show grounds on Saturday, Jan. 30, which has been designated in honor of Future Farmers, Future Homemakers and 4-H Club members.

Because of the educational value of the livestock exhibits and other features of the exposition, the annual pilgrimage is eagerly looked forward to and buses and cars bearing the classes and groups roll into Fort Worth from all sections of Texas and from other states.

Interest of the students of agriculture and livestock raising centers naturally in the junior show where steers, lambs, dairy calves and poultry compete for top honors.

The world's greatest indoor rodeo, the "Battle of Songs," the Mid-Western shows and rides, free Western entertainment on the stage in the Exhibit Building, band concerts and scores of educational and commercial exhibits give the young visitors a full day.

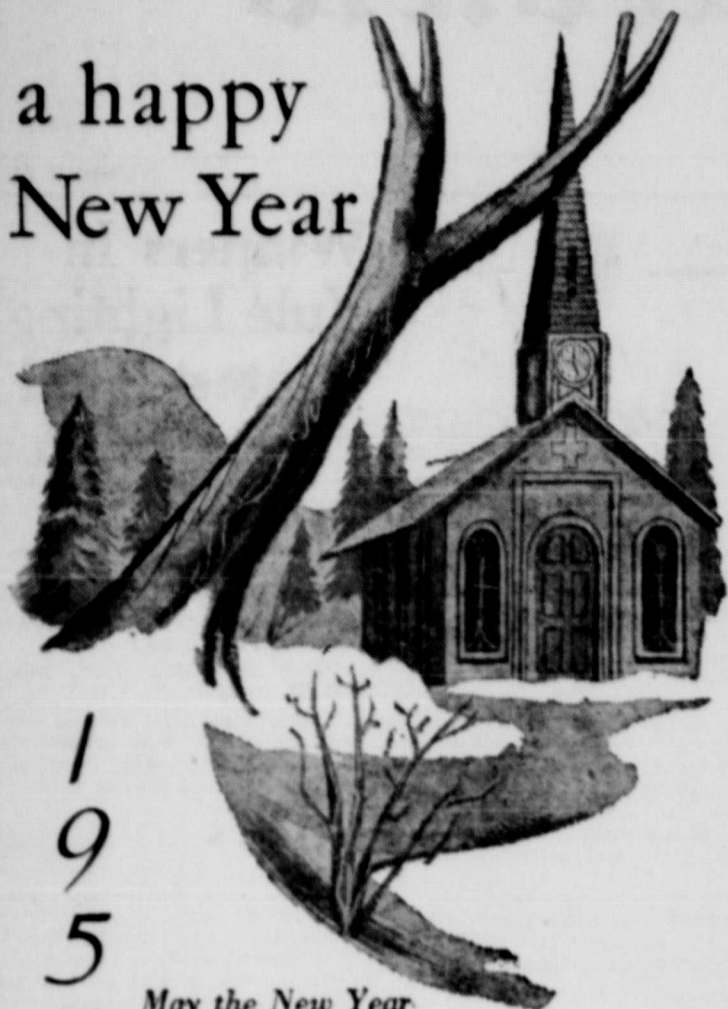
Stock Show dates are Jan. 29 through Feb. 7.

LIONS CLUB VISITOR

Martin Schrank, vocational agriculture instructor at Carlton and Fair, was a visitor at the regular weekly luncheon of the Hico Lions Club, held at Loudermilk Cafe at noon Wednesday.

Reports on various activities and routine business matters composed the business session.

a happy
New Year



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May the New Year
bring us Peace,
everywhere.

**Barrow-Rutledge
Funeral Home**

HICO, TEXAS

Carlton

By
Mrs. Fred Geyer

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rance Sowell were all their children, except one daughter, Mrs. Chesley Kennedy of Longview. Present were Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Miller of Brownfield, Reba Miller of Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dove and son, Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. De Roy Dove and son of Pasadena and Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sowell Jr. and two sons of Agee.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Jones of Quanah and W. J. Wisdom of Stephenville were visitors during the holidays with their sister, Mrs. W. H. Vick.

Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Cozby, Berlyn and Jimmy of Pearsall, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Byrd and Eugene of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moss and children of Roswell, N. Mex., spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Lilla Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fine and three children of Roscoe and Miss Mary Louise Fine of Eunice, N. Mex., spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Rudd and children of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Rudd and children of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rudd of Temple were visitors over the holidays with their parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rudd.

Christmas visitors with Miss Ida Fine were her nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cozby of Midland, and two nieces, Misses Linda June Lemley and her cousin of Fort Worth. She accompanied them to Hico to visit her sister and their grandmother, Mrs. Maggie McPherson.

Mrs. Sunny Driver of Lubbock and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dean and son Vic of Carrollton were holiday visitors with their parents and son, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hall and Clay Driver.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Finley, G. L. and Jean of Walnut Springs and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Finley of Fort Worth spent Christmas Day with their mother, Mrs. Jessie Finley and Mrs. Leo Finley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Turney and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hob Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Vaughan and children of Fort Worth and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Proffitt visited Christmas in Com-

anche with their brother and son, Adolph Proffitt and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Self came home Wednesday from Temple to spend Christmas. They will return to Temple the last of the week where he will undergo surgery again on his hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Reeves spent Christmas in Tyler with her mother and brother, Mrs. Hattie Sowell and Hal Sowell and family. Her mother accompanied them home for a visit. She has greatly improved from the serious burns she received more than a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren and La Jauna Kaye of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Geyer, Jeffrey and Judy of Lufkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Geyer, Patricia and Deborah of Granbury spent Christmas with their parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geyer, Mrs. Dow Self and family and their aunt, Miss Willie Johnson.

The many friends of the Scales family are happy to know that Mrs. Scales, who was severely burned when fire destroyed their home and the loss of two children, was able to leave the Dublin Hospital the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Scales and two little girls are living on the Owen McPherson farm in the Altman community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Bingham spent Christmas Day in Hamilton with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bingham and son Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Jones visited in Dallas Christmas with their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Jones and her sister, Mrs. Mattie Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reeves and Jack Jr. of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. George McGuire of Dallas and his daughters, Bobby and Louise of Denton visited over Christmas with their mother, Mrs. N. N. McGuire.

Mr. and Mrs. Dade Fisher spent Christmas in Fort Worth with their daughter, Mrs. Herman Ford and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wright and two sons of Big Spring were visitors over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. Audie Roberts and children of Hamilton and R. L. Roberts of Abilene were holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Onie Weaver, the former Miss Lola B. Lackey and son, Robert, of Henderson, Dock Lackey of Hico and Haggard Lackey of Teague, all formerly of Carlton, were visitors in Carlton Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dow Self and sons visited Saturday in Clairette with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Self.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ellison, Sandra and Kathy, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ellison and three sons of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ellison of Lubbock were holiday visitors with their parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ellison.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stidham of Stephenville and Ronnie and Kenny Stidham of San Angelo were visitors over Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lorena Stidham and their aunt and uncle, Joe and Miss Pattie Lynch.

Emmett Stockham of Midland spent Christmas with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Bain.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Whitehead and children, Mr. and Mrs. Corkey Lee and children of San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Loys Landea and children of Duffau, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Parks and son of Fort Worth were holiday visitors with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Whitehead.

Mrs. Willie Baldwin and son Ross and Bill Carr of Clairette, Rev. and Mrs. S. W. Miller of Brownfield and Mrs. Robert Shaw and children of Stephenville were visitors during Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner and Gaylord.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson of Brownwood spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hob Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Sharp. Don preached at the Baptist Church Sunday night in the absence of the pastor, Rev. W. D. Broadway, who is ill with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Littleton and Annette of San Angelo spent the holidays with her parents and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Dyer and Mrs. J. W. Jordan Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Smith of Waco were Christmas visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Culmer Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Drott Jr. of Fort Worth and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Drott of Louisiana were visitors Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hob Thompson.

Jeff Railsback and family of McLean, Sam Railsback, Brownsville and Mrs. James Bone and family of Stephenville spent Christmas with their mother, Mrs. S. C. Railsback and Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Partain.

Visitors during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Upham were her son and daughter, Hugh McKensie and wife of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Coffman and son Joe, and his father, Deck Coffman.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, Waco, Mr. and Mrs. Lefty White and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chapman and children of Irving, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Garner, Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Dock Sharp of Crane spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watt Sharp Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lowery of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Lowery of Waco, George Lowery of San Angelo, Mrs. Thurman Boutcher and children of Gustine and Mrs. Levi Hatley of Dublin spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowery.



We thank you

for last year's favors,

and pledge our best service

in 1954

**HICO CLINIC
HICO CITY HOSPITAL**



Our New Year wish of "Good Luck"
is as big as it can be!

**L. J. CHANEY
GULF SERVICE STATION
AND REPAIR SHOP**



May the New Year
be "busting" with good luck
for you and yours.

**Sandy and Orville and Their Boys
OGLE BROTHERS
Texaco Service Station**



We Greet You With A
Happy New Year Chorus

Peace
Prosperity
Happiness

BLAIR MOTOR CO.

PHONE 20 CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH HICO, TEX.

Fairy

By
Mrs. Eunice Massengale

Another Christmas has passed and the year of 1953 will soon be history. To many it has brought sorrow and broken homes; to others it has brought happiness and prosperity, but we must realize this is life and we know not what tomorrow will bring.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Betts, Sheryl and Judy of Stillwater, Okla., spent the week end Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Betts.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Todd had several of their children and families home for Christmas and over the week end, but sorry we did not get their names.

Mr. and Mrs. Olga Duncan also had several of their children and families home during the Christmas holidays.

Friends and acquaintances here of Mr. Roy Santy of Hamilton were sorry to learn that he passed away on Christmas Day. He had been ill for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Springer and Randy of Miles were here Monday of last week to attend funeral services for their friend and former neighbor, Grady Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Price, Cheryl and Ronald of Austin visited Christmas Eve day in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Price spent Christmas Day in Corsicana with relatives of Mr. Price. After the Christmas holidays there they went on to New Orleans, La., for a visit with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nugent. The Prices formerly resided at New Orleans and Lake Charles, La., and will visit in that section through the New Year holidays. They are expected back next Sunday. The children will visit with their grandparents here during the absence of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers, Carolyn and Jimmie Don, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Sellers of Hamilton. All of the Sellers' children and their families were present Sunday and also Saturday night when the family Christmas tree was held.

We have been experiencing some real winter temperatures during the past week. At this writing Sunday night a slow rain is falling which we hope continues until sufficient moisture is received, as grain is needing rain.

Mrs. M. E. Parks enjoyed a visit Sunday from all of her children and their families, with the exception of a daughter, Mrs. Raymond Driver and family of Texas City who were unable to be here. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Fulbright and two sons of Kerrville, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Miller and Ronald Keith, and Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Lee Parks of Fort Worth, Miss Ovie Parks of Stephenville, Audie and Elsie of the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Houston of Anton and her mother, Mrs. Neva Cox of Lubbock visited a while Sunday morning in the home of their uncle and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Cox. Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Houston are former residents of near Fairy, Mrs. Cox being the wife of the late Arthur Cox and Mrs. Houston the former Miss Beulah Cox, former faculty member of the Fairy school. They were returning from a visit in Austin with a daughter and sister, Wynama and husband.

Some of us did have roses to boast about Christmas, even though we did have to get out and clip them before the freeze hit. Our daughter, Mrs. D. E. Allison of Dublin had some beautiful bouquets as part of her Christmas decorations, some of which were almost as large as a saucer. Thanks to all who remembered us with Christmas greeting cards and gifts. We received around forty five cards and sent out as many, but our good friend and neighbor, Mrs. Britt Little has us bested quite a bit, since she received more than 60. She is past 80 years old and numbers her friends by her acquaintances. If it is good things to eat, flowers, or gifts, she is never forgotten. On a visit to her home Christmas morning she told us of the early arrival of Mr. Harley Beck that morning who had come to bring her some fruit cake and other delicacies his wife had sent. Later a neighbor, Mrs. Oran Williford brought in chicken and dressing and Christmas night the writer visited her a while and carried her a tray of eats. And in fact she probably received other eats that we didn't know about. It seems to have become a habit with a lot of us to remember her quite often with a dish of eats, fresh vegetables and fruits in season. She lives alone and has been ill of a heart ailment for several years and is very appreciative of the thoughtfulness of her many friends, even though she is able to do her own house work most of the time. All just want to do something for her. Even the Hico druggist, Mr. Howard, presented her with a box of candy last week when we carried her up for a physical check up at the Hico Clinic and down to the drug store for her supply of medicine. Well, it's wonderful to be blessed with friends and too, it's wonderful to be a true friend. As the old adage goes a friend in need is a friend indeed. May we all try to be a truly better friend the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brummitt had all of their children and families home for Christmas Day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Reubin Anderson and daughter, Mrs. Thelma Taylor and baby, Grand Prairie, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vaughn and daughter of Olton, Mr. and Mrs. Ovie Brummitt and Mr. and Mrs. Woodward Brummitt of Fairy, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Brummitt of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. W. G.

Brawley, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Massengale and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Paulson, all of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Allison had several of their children and families home on Christmas Eve night for their family Christmas tree and supper. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison, Ruby Jean and Darrel of Dublin, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Seilheimer, David and Danny of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Texie Dell Allison of Cranfills Gap and Mr. and Mrs. George Stringer and family of Hico.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ray Sellers and family and the writer spent Christmas Day in the home of their sister and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Allison and family of Dublin. All enjoyed a feast of baked ham, chicken and dressing and all the trimmings following the Christmas tree about 11:30. The afternoon was spent in viewing gifts and watching television.

Thanks to the editor and wife for the nice Paper-Mate ball point pen we received as a gift in appreciation of our news letters during the past year. We appreciate your thoughtfulness of us and here we are with 52 more weeks staring us right in the face and if it be God's will, we'll keep on keeping on.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Akins of 106 West Ave. I. San Angelo, who always remember us with a Christmas greeting in appreciation of our news letters. If it were not for so many like the Akins, who let us know how they appreciate our efforts in writing we would have taken out long ago.

Happy New Year to the editor and staff and all the News Review readers.

St. Olaf Lutheran

Cranfills Gap, Texas
REV. EINAR JORGENSEN
Pastor

Thursday, December 31—
9:00 p. m. Junior Luther League New Year's Eve meeting.

Sunday, January 3—
10:00 a. m. Sunday School Session.

11:00 a. m. Divine Services.
6:30 p. m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting.

7:30 p. m. Senior Luther League.
Wednesday, January 6—
2:00 p. m. Ladies Aid Society.

7:30 p. m. Meridian Services.
Thursday, January 7—
7:00 p. m. Choir Rehearsal.

A sincere welcome to all services and meetings.

CORRESPONDENT

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the many acts of kindness extended to us at the time of death of our loved one, for the beautiful flowers and all other expressions of sympathy. May God bless you all.

MRS. GRADY ANDERSON & VIRGINIA
MR. & MRS. W. H. GUINN & BOYS.

SCOTCH BAGPIPES BRING RARE CHRISTMAS TREAT

Christmas visitors in the J. H. Briscoe home were Mr. and Mrs. Don Sutherland and Billy from Harvard, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Stowe of Graford, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stowe and Debbie of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Stowe and John of Dallas. The group enjoyed several selections played on Scotch Bagpipes by Billy Sutherland. The pipes were sent to Billy by his grandfather in Scotland.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank each and every one of my friends for their visits, cards, letters, and flowers to me while in the hospital. I am deeply appreciative for the fine medicinal attention given me by Dr. Robert Kooker of Dr. Cleveland and Kooker Clinic of Hamilton, and to Dr. H. V. Hodges and W. F. Harfar and their wonderful staff of nurses, and for every kind deed, and courtesy accorded me by each member of the Hico Hospital personnel, while a patient there. May God bless each of you in my prayer.

MRS. JAMES L. SMART.

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And Good Luck
all through the fresh,
New Year.

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— And —
Each Saturday Thereafter

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Hico, Texas, Friday, Jan. 1, 1954.

Clairette

By
Mrs. Henry MayfieldHere's wishing every one a hap-
py, peaceful and prosperous New
Year.Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mayfield
and Mitchell left for Fort Worth
Thursday to visit their daughter
and family.Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Kay and
David from Port Arthur visited
with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Pruett
over the holidays.Mr. and Mrs. Travis Culver, Mrs.
A. E. Grater and Judy, and Mr.
and Mrs. C. A. Little and family
have been visiting in the W. F.
Haley home.Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson
from Colorado City, Mr. and Mrs.
Bill Mathis and son of Midland,
Mrs. S. C. Wolfe Sr. and Mrs.
Sam Wolfe Jr. of Dublin and Mr.
and Mrs. Glen Lee and family
from Fort Worth visited Misses
Eunice and Nola Lee over the
week end. Jessie Mack Lee plans
to stay over until Friday.Mr. and Mrs. Dwaln Wolfe and
Sherry left for California to visit
her parents there.Mr. and Mrs. Clint Edwards of
Jayton, Mr. and Mrs. Don Carter
and family of Leander, Dutch
Sears of Hico, Mr. and Mrs. James
Edwards of Dallas visited in the
Zeph Carter home over the holi-
days.Mr. and Mrs. Talmon Millican
and Margaret spent Christmas
with her family in Conway.Visiting in the R. W. Sherrard
home recently were Mr. and Mrs.
Bob Dow, Mineral Wells, the
Etheridge family of Fort Worth,
and H. W. Sherrard and family of
Hico.Mrs. Minnie Hansen visited with
her father, Joe Salmon over the
holidays.Mr. and Mrs. Bishop Stamford
and son of Brownwood, T. L.
Thompson and family of Fort
Worth and Burette Stamford and
family of Dallas visited with the
Artie Thompson family Christ-
mas.SIAMESE TWINS LIVE . . . Cleveland, Ohio's Siamese twins, identified only as Nancy (left) and
Ellen, are only such twins in medical history to survive one year after separation. Nancy and Ellen
weigh 18 pounds apiece.Annual Warning On
Trichinosis Issued by
Health Department

Austin, Dec. 28.—"Now that win-
ter is here, our thoughts turn to
pork roast dinners or perhaps to
waffles and sausage suppers. From
the standpoint of good nutrition,
pork is good to eat. It is rich in
protein, fat, and vitamin B, but
undercooked or raw pork is also
the most common source of a dis-
ease called trichinosis," Dr. Geo.
W. Cox, State Health Officer, says.

Trichinosis is caused by a tiny
parasite which is found in the
muscular tissue of infected ani-
mals. When such meat is eaten,
the parasites multiply and enter
the blood stream, causing fever,
intense pain in the muscles and a
high white blood cell count. Sym-
ptoms of trichinosis are varied. It
may be confused with typhoid fe-
ver, food poisoning, colitis, rheu-
matism, pneumonia, and many
other diseases. However, you need
not worry about illness from this
disease if you cook pork thoroughly.

"According to Dr. Cox, pork that
has been thoroughly cooked will
not transmit trichinosis—they die
at 137 degrees Fahrenheit. When
pork becomes white and no pink
color remains in the center of the
cut as well as around the edges,
it is safe to eat. Long, slow cook-
ing will do the trick and retain the
delicious juices of the pork.

This disease is transmitted in
hogs principally by the feeding of
uncooked garbage which invariably
includes raw pork scraps contain-
ing the parasite of trichinosis. It
is, therefore, essential for hog
raisers and farmers to cook all
garbage before feeding it to swine.

Dr. Cox says, "Don't let your fear
of this disease rob you of your
enjoyment of pork and its pro-
ducts, which are delicious and
good for you. The most important
preventive measure is—eat only
pork that is well cooked."

Listen as the
Redbird
Rambles

By Carolyn Holford

DOG'S LIFE . . . is not always
so bad. While we spent the holi-
days in Dallas, that city where so
many disreputable characters
characters have been crawling in-
to cars, we were surprised to find
that a dog had crawled into our
car when we stopped for some
Coke at a grocery stand.

The mystery has not yet been
solved, as there was one person
inside the car all the time, and
yet no one saw the dog enter and
crawl into the back seat where she
seemed determined to make her
home.

She also showed her intentions
of raising a family in the car, but
upon discovering her after we
drove back to the Bommer home
in Dallas, we took her back to the
original stand.

NIVER DISCREDIT . . . a
dog's intelligence, we have finally
learned. We told the above story
to Ruby Lee Byrd, and she told
us about a dog who has recently
raised a family near the W. F.
Gandy home. The mother, evi-
dently anxious that her children all find
good homes, carried each pup to
a separate place.

One of them she took to the
Chester Stanford home and stayed
there playing with her pup until
she saw it was happy, and then
when it wasn't looking, she sneak-
ed away.

Pretty good logic for a dog.

SANTA CLAUS HELPERS . . .
were members of the Mayor's of-
fice this Christmas, when they de-
livered gifts collected by the Lions
Club. Other organizations had also
contributed to the Lions' presents,
but unfortunately some of them
were not labeled.

After guessing as best they
could, the city officials distribut-
ed the gifts, but were probably

not surprised when a lady called
in to tell them that they had left
her some children's underwear,
which were very pretty but which
one could not use. Lizzoner told
her to keep them and give them to
some little girl she knew.

NEXT TO A TOY . . . rabbit
from Boone's Western Auto, the
article that attracted the most at-
tention on our family Christmas
tree was an overgrown turnip
which we took to show our city-
dwellin' relatives.

The turnip had been brought to
the editor by Ike Malone, who grew
the specimen, and after it had
been decorated with eyes, nose
and mouth, it sported a cowboy
hat and resembled some of the
modern toys for children. Only dif-
ference was, it could not walk.

OUR VERSATILE AUNT . . .
in Dallas, Miss Christine Holland,
has a hobby of expressing her ar-
tistic ways in making Christmas
presents, etc. This year she bought
the presents but made quaint lit-
tle identification cards from pic-
tures she had cut from Neiman-
Marcus advertising.

Quite high-toned, and they add-
ed a "wish-I'd-thought-of-that" note
to the family gathering.

AS THE EDITOR'S . . . family
rounds out its 24th year in the
publishing of the Hico News Re-
view, it is only well to pause and
reflect on the one thing that has
made it possible for us to remain
in this business here . . . and
thanks is due our readers and sub-
scribers.

Among the faithful subscribers
is J. J. Smith, who came in early
another the other day to renew for
his 54th consecutive year. Such
confidence and trust is very much
appreciated by the business, and
what's even more gratifying is the
fact that Mr. Smith claims to
read each issue. We don't doubt it,
as he maintains an active in-
terest in the goings-on in this lit-
tle town. From time to time he has
been known to come by and tell
the Redbird and other columnists
on this paper that he had read
some little ditty or other.

Based on this record number
of years, Mr. Smith should have
by this time received 2808 copies of
the local set, of which the Hol-
ford family has put out 1248 week-
ly issues. Figuring it out on per-
centages (or for whatever it might
be worth) the Holfords have there-
fore participated in 44.44444444444444
44 ad infinitum per cent.

Or is that carrying it too far

Highlights in Sports
Due on Humble's TV
Program Next Week

Action from the Southwest Con-
ference basketball tournament will
be featured on Humble Oil & Re-
fining Company's "Texas in Re-
view" next week.

The tournament was held in
Houston at Rice Institute this
week. Highlights of games played
by all Conference teams and Ala-
bama will be featured.

Films of people and happenings
in Texas news will also be shown.
"Texas in Review" can be seen
on Monday over KRBC-TV, Abilene,
8 p. m.; KRUD-TV, Dallas, 7:30
p. m.; WBAP-TV, Fort Worth, 7:30
p. m., and other stations.

Tuesday, the program will be
carried by several stations in the
other areas of the state.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and
Mrs. J. D. Jones and Mr. and Mrs.
Alvin Casey and family were
Wayne and Wade Jones of Big
Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hesse
and Kathy and Mr. and Mrs. Ir-
vin Cox, all of McGregor.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Many thanks to the Church of
Christ and City organizations for
bringing baskets of food to my
home at Christmas.

MISS RHODA CRIST.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all who sent
sympathy cards or visited me dur-
ing my bereavement when I lost
my sister-in-law, Mrs. Maude Gar-
ver of Elk City, Okla.

MRS. MOLLIE HARVEY.

Try NEWS REVIEW WANT ADS
FOR RESULTS!

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and open all day every Saturday.
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It's a New Year!



And we hope it is filled
with good things for you.

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R. A. Herrington Jr.
..... And Staff
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ELEVENTH ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE
January 8, 1954

In the City Park Arena at Stephenville, Texas

40 BULLS — 63 Head — 23 FEMALES

Carefully selected by a sifting committee

Judging of Sale Cattle Starts at 10 A. M. January 8

C. M. LARGENT JR. Will Judge the Sale Offering

Sale Starts Promptly at 1 P. M. January 8

WALTER BRITTEN, Auctioneer

SANDWICH LUNCH WILL BE SERVED ON GROUNDS BY THE
HOME DEMONSTRATION COUNCILLEE CAMPBELL, President JACK CURETON, Vice-Pres.
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J. W. Barbee	Dublin	Circle M Hereford Ranch	Meridian
W. B. Barret	Comanche	Hoston McBride	Blanket
C. A. Bradley	Stephenville	Justin McBride	Blanket
Lee Campbell	Dublin	Chas. Nebbett Jr.	Stephenville
R. G. Collingsworth	Dublin	Parks Hereford Ranch	Clifton
G. M. Cook Jr.	Stephenville	Bar H Ranch	Hamilton
L. A. Cook	Goldthwaite	W. E. Rogers	Iredell
Cureton Bros.	Meridian	Paul Schrank	Hamilton
Dudley Bros.	Comanche	Hasten Walker	Dublin
F. L. Fears	Stephenville	John Watts & Son	Energy
Lewis King	Dublin	T. J. Williams	Comanche
E. A. Koonsman	Iredell	Weldon Williams & Sons	S'ville
		F. B. Shannon	Stephenville

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Franks of Hamilton visited Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Mollie Harvey.

Melvin Meador of Fort Worth visited during the week end with Mrs. Nettie Meador.

Miss Oleta Hughes, who teaches in the public schools at LaMarque, is a visitor here during the holidays.

Miss Mary Nell Ellington of Fort Worth was a visitor during the holiday week end with her mother, Mrs. Jessie Ellington, and sister, Mrs. Billy Byrd, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wren of Plainview visited during the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Nettie Meador and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bair Jr. and little daughter, Ellen, spent the week end in Wimborsbo with her mother, Mrs. P. T. Hammack, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith and son Jim Ed of New Braunfels and Mrs. Effie Smith of Lampasas spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bass.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Baldridge enjoyed a pre-Christmas visit from Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Baldridge, Tom and Ray of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Stover, Mary and John of Teague.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wren, Mrs. Nettie Meador, Mrs. Sarah Reeves, Mike and Danny, and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Meador and Denna spent Christmas Day in Waco with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simpson, Max and Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Autrey spent the holidays in Hamilton with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Huddleston. They were accompanied by E. L. Barrow of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Keller of Greenville, Miss.

Misses Sallie Alford of Dallas and Kathryn Alford of San Angelo visited during the holidays with their mother, Mrs. A. Alford. They all had Christmas dinner with their sister and daughter, Mrs. Benn Gleason.

Christmas Day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tullio Carpenter and family were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ponton of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Finney, Donald and Jimmy of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Boase and Miss Carla Roberts of Stephenville, and Mrs. Mollie Harvey of Hico.

Mrs. W. L. Malone had as guests during the holidays her children, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Malone and Mary of Waco, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bramblett of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Burden, Rebecca and Buddy and Mr. and Mrs. Pierce McBride, all of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Saunders of San Antonio. Also present as guests for Christmas dinner were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Christophers.

Miss Louise Blair spent the week end in Brady with her aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Malone and Larue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dodd and daughter Susan, of Lawn, visited Christmas Eve with Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Meador and Denna.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sweeney of Okmulgee, Okla., were visiting during the holidays in the home of their son, Roy Seal, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Roberson of Kermit visited with relatives and friends here the first of the week. From here they went to Fort Worth to visit with their daughter and family.

Holiday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Autrey were his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Miles and children, Barbara Ann, Sharon Lynn and Carol Lee. Another visitor was Meadow Autrey of Glen Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Goolsby and Mrs. B. F. Goolsby of San Antonio spent Christmas here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Blair. Other week-end guests in the Blair home were Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Patterson of Alexander.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKenzie were their sons, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McKenzie Jr., Allan and Kathleen, Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy McKenzie, Virginia, Jana and Richard, of Temple.

Mrs. N. H. Slater of Wylie was an overnight guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odie Petsick last Wednesday. Other recent house guests were his brother, Otho Petsick of Brownfield, and his aunt, Miss Annie Laurie Petsick of Alvin.

Mrs. J. R. McMillan is entertaining her granddaughter, Claudia Souder of Gracford for an extended visit after the holiday visit of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Scudder and Linda. Also here for Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snider, Kathy and Robert of Denton, and Mrs. Roberta Forgy of Denton, who is still visiting her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seal returned recently from Ganado where they had visited in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Bill Chadwick, and family. While there they greeted the arrival of a new grandson, Thomas Donald Chadwick, who was born Dec. 17. They were accompanied home by two other grandchildren, Claudia and Billy Dan Chadwick, who will stay with them for an extended visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Knudson and daughter Phyllis and her friend, all of Dallas, visited here last Friday with her mother, Mrs. Roy Tyson and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gregory, and went on to Cranfills Gap to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Knudson. Also visiting with Mrs. Knudson and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ferguson of Dallas.

C. C. Smith of Temple visited Saturday with his father, J. J. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones and children of Dublin visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Mollie Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ratliff and Miss Shirley Cole visited the first of the week in Plainview with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boyd were Christmas visitors with their daughter, Mrs. Maurice Harkins, and family in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neel spent the Christmas holidays in Victoria with their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Neel and daughter, Jamie Annette.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Scarbrough and Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Ferguson of Stephenville were Christmas Day guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jewel C. Ramage and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Powledge of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Guyton and Nancy of Waco and Leighton Guyton of Louisville, Kentucky have been visitors during the holidays with their mother, Mrs. J. A. Guyton.

Mrs. O. M. Bramblett returned Sunday with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bramblett to visit awhile in Lubbock, after they had spent the holiday week end here with relatives.

Mrs. W. J. Risenhoover is the new clerk at H. W. Sherrard Grocery & Market and is taking the place formerly occupied by Mrs. Jack Malone, who has accepted a position with Barnes & McCullough.

Mr. and Mrs. George Holladay and children and Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Jenkins and Danny spent Christmas holidays in O'Donnell with Rev. and Mrs. Otis Holladay and in Mesquite with Mr. and Mrs. Lotus Gosdin.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Wolfe had as guests during Christmas holidays their daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wieser, Jean and Mary of Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Darden, Elizabeth and Mike of Corpus Christi, and their son, Paul Wolfe of New York, N. Y.

Holiday guests in the home of Mrs. Louise Phillips and sons, Don and Arthur and Miss Eunice Phillips were Mr. and Mrs. Alton Williams of Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Holt, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Graham, San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cannon of Dublin.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richbourg and Mrs. J. A. Garth during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. John C. Garth of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Farrar and daughter and Mrs. W. T. Farrar of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Garth of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gibson of Lingleville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ramage were holiday visitors in Giddings with their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. Albert F. Vickers, Al and Jenni Lu. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie L. Ramage and Cherry D. in Bellaire, and made the acquaintance of a new grandson, Lee Curry Ramage.

Christmas guests in the homes of Mrs. J. F. Chenault and daughters, Miss Florence Chenault and Mrs. Ethel Lackey and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Everett were Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Chenault and children, Judy, John and Carol of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Chenault of College Station. George P. Eckardt of Fort Worth was their guest Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Burden and little son, Randal of Abilene visited Christmas Eve night with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keller and little daughter, Vicki. They were all Christmas dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Golightly. Other guests in the Golightly home were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golightly and little son, Charles Jr., and Mrs. Cheatem of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Giesecke had the following visitors in their home during Christmas: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Wilkes, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Land and daughter, Judy, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Lambert, Stephenville; Austin Giesecke and son Gary and daughter Sandra, Glen Rose; and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Giesecke and sons, Marion, Jerry and Robert Lee, Notrees, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lane, John and Janet of Hico.

Visitors during the holidays in the home of Mrs. E. H. Couch and Mrs. Ethel Stewart were: Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stewart, Austin; Mrs. Lucille Smoot, Dallas; Miss Dorothy Stewart, Sherman; Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Patterson, Cathey, Gregg and Vickie, Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. Young T. Sloan, Kenneth, Mark and Bob, Kancohe, Hawaii; Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Sloan, Suzanne and Walter, and Mrs. W. Key, Corpus Christi.

Those spending Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lowe and family and Mrs. A. J. Calder were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Ellis and Sherry, Mrs. Ruth Roberts, Miss Jo Nell Roberts, and Newell Caro. Fort Worth; and Hubert Johnson, Hico. Other visitors during the holidays were Billy Loden, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Adams, Hamilton; Jimmy Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Latham and Gary Don, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Henry McAnelly, Fort Worth; Will Harbut of Stephenville, and Gilbert Butler of West Columbia.

Hamilton-Roberson Vows Exchanged at Bride's Family Home

Miss Dolores June Hamilton became the bride of Clinton Lloyd Roberson at 6 o'clock Wednesday, December 23, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Hamilton. Rev. L. H. Davis read the ceremony, performed by candlelight.

Besides the bride's parents, the only guests were the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Roberson, and sister, Miss Wanda Nell Roberson.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore semi-formal dress of white faille and net. After the wedding, they left for a trip which took them to New Orleans, La., Mississippi and several other states. They returned Sunday night to make their home in Hico, where he is employed in the farming occupation and also is a mechanic for Wallace Edwards.

Mrs. Roberson was graduated last spring from Hico High School. Her husband also attended Hico schools.

South Hico HDC Has Pre-Christmas Study Of Decorating Gifts

Mrs. Lenard Weaver entertained the South Hico Home Demonstration Club recently with a Christmas party. A small native live oak tree was cleverly decorated by Mrs. Weaver, and gifts from "secret pals" were displayed under this tree.

Miss Ema Lou Knox acted as Santa Claus for the group, after a short business session was held. Several gifts were brought to be sent to the Mexico State Home. Mrs. King reported on the buying of the box of gifts the club is sending to Shirley Roy for Christmas.

The yearbook program, "Christmas Decoration" was carried out by members displaying and telling how their decorations were made. It was demonstrated that many pretty decorations may be made with very little or no expense, adding much to the Christmas spirit of "Joy to the World," for "a thing of beauty is a joy forever."

The hostess served salad, salad wafers, angel food cake, Christmas candy and coffee to Mrs. W. R. Churchill, Mrs. Loyal Carr, Mrs. Cyrus King, Mrs. W. A. Knox, Mrs. W. A. Moss, Mrs. N. H. Connally, Mrs. Byron Hawthorne, and three visitors, Miss Madge Moss of Fort Worth, Miss Ema Lou Knox and little Bobby Sowell, granddaughter of Mrs. King.

REPORTER.

Mrs. Wreay's Class Of 24 Piano Students Give Recent Recital

Hico and Fredell piano pupils of Mrs. Grady Wreay were presented in their mid-year recital at the Hico High School Auditorium recently.

On the program were Joyce Rae Lowe, Barbara Randalls, Suzanne Burden, Ema Lou Knox, Dixie Lackey, Janet Hooper, Royce Chandler, Patsy Wooton, Judy Griffiths, Judy Ogle, Ann Hutton, Jan Carol Strong, Priscilla Harris, Julia Ann Hedges, Nicki Beth McAden, Barbara Umphres, Sheila Partain, Michael Lowe, Joy Carol Akin, Judy Beth Moore, Kathy Higginbotham, Linda Cox, Carol Harris, Linda Patterson, Ann Sadler and Morris Risenhoover.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hooper and children, Van Shelly and Janet, spent the week end in Brownwood in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wall and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rainwater.

Mrs. A. A. Brown and son, Kenneth Brown of Fort Worth were in San Angelo the past week end to be with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Mary Horton, who underwent major surgery in a San Angelo hospital Monday. They returned home Monday night and reported Mrs. Horton to be resting nicely. Ralph and Margo Horton accompanied their grandmother home for a visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bonner Jr. are the parents of a baby son, Jon Cullen, born Monday, December 28, at 2:57 a. m. in Hico Hospital. Grandparents of the child are Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bonner Sr. of Hico and Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Whitson of Hico. The Bonners have one other child, L. F. Bonner III.

Visitors during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Seago were Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Seago and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Parks of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Bramblett, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Duzan and Pat, Plainview; Mrs. Bruce Ware and A. B. Bramblett, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Seago and family, Clarendon, and Mrs. Edith Thompson, Faben.

Those who visited in the E. S. Rhoades and Herman Rhoades homes during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rhoades, Breckinridge; Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Rhoades and son, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Smith and son Jim Ed, New Braunfels; Mrs. Effie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, Lampasas; Mr. and Mrs. John Alton, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Jethroe Newton and family, Plainview, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bass and Mrs. Cora Williams of Hico.

Mrs. R. T. Simpson and son, Lester, visited Tuesday in Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simpson.

Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Conda Salmon and Monette were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Head and daughters, Janet and Mary Gayle, of Fort Worth; Mrs. Susie Salmon of Hico and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ross and little son, Glenn Alan of Fort Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hooper of Sweetwater and their son, Billy, student at Baylor University and their daughter, Miss Betty Hooper, teacher in the Waco Public Schools, and Mrs. Sam Gamble also of Sweetwater, spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Miss Allie Hooper.

Here during the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown, were Mr. and Mrs. Winfrey Griffiths, Arnette, Wanda and Kenneth Rankin; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown, Betty and Judy, Big Spring; W. H. Brown and children, Robert and Elizabeth, Fort Worth.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Simpson were: Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Simpson Jr. and children, Levelland; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Simpson, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. David Box and daughter, Hamilton; Gene Simpson, Fort Worth, and B. F. Rainwater and Cy Rainwater of Hico.

Miss Quata Woods and mother, Mrs. Ella Woods of Dallas were in Hico Tuesday visiting friends.

Mrs. Anna Holliday and Mrs. Fred Wolfe and son, Maurice of Stephenville were visiting friends in Hico Sunday.

H. L. Tracy of Fort Stockton visited here Wednesday with his father-in-law, H. F. Sellers, who accompanied him home for a visit.

Mrs. H. F. McCullough, Mrs. Ben F. Meek Jr. and daughter Sally spent the Christmas holidays in Roosevelt with Mr. and Mrs. Stanton S. Bundy and family.

Visitors in the home of Mrs. O. E. Meador during the holidays were Mrs. Stella Mendola of San Antonio and her daughter, Jean Connally, and a friend, Robert Baugher both of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Goughly and baby of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Roberson of Kermit.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wooton and family during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Wooton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Cason and children, Shirley and Kenneth, and Mrs. W. V. Cason, all of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cason and children, Edward and Dana, Floydada; Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Endee, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Kay, Seiden; Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Kay, Houston.



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IREDELL ITEMS

by Miss Stella Jones, Local Correspondent

Miss Betty Bradley spent the holidays at home. She teaches in Fort Worth.

Abe Donald McCoy and wife are the proud parents of a son born Dec. 11. He weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces and has been given the name of Stephen Lynn. He was born in Lackland Base Hospital in San Antonio. Mrs. McCoy is the former Melba Peters. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. McCoy are the proud grandparents.

Mrs. McCoy, her daughter, Mrs. Ray Parks and husband spent the week end in San Antonio with the young parents and the baby.

W. T. Dunlap of Dallas spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dunlap.

Rev. and Mrs. Greer of Huntsville spent the week end holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Ray Ellis and husband and son.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harris of Colorado spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Harris.

Two of Mrs. John Smith's daughters were here Sunday night, one from Hamilton and the other one from Cleburne.

Mr. Charlie Perkins of Memphis, Tenn., who has been visiting his father, Mr. Wince Perkins, left Wednesday. He will visit in Dallas and Fort Worth on his way home.

Miss Nannie Lawrence of Hillsboro is visiting her niece, Mrs. James Foster and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Flanary were in Hico Wednesday.

Mrs. W. E. Carter is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bill Oakley and family of Chatham, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Glibreath took Christmas dinner with her sister, Mrs. Hal Bolton of Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Adkerson and children of Fort Worth spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. M. Tidwell and Mr. Tidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ratliff and children of San Antonio spent the holidays with his parents.

Doak Simpson, who is in Tarleton State College, and Tom Simpson, his brother, who teaches in Dallas, spent the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams and family of Tahoka spent the week end with his aunt, Mrs. Glibreath.

Mrs. Ernest Alexander and daughter came in Tuesday to spend the holidays. Mr. Alexander came in Thursday. They spent Friday in Hico with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Newman and daughter of San Antonio spent the past week end with his parents.

Dr. and Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Idell Eagsdale of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. George Hindman and daughter of Briggs spent the holiday week end with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stroud. Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Eagsdale are Mr. Stroud's sisters and Mrs. Hindman is their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Anderson of Big Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Finis Davis of Sanatorium, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Luck of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. Boyd of Dallas spent the week end holiday with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Chaffin and baby of Levelland spent the week end holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Helm and his father, Lee Chaffin and wife.

Miss Jean Moore, who is in Tarleton State College spent the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guinn and some of near Hico and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith and daughter of Fort Worth spent the holiday week end with their mother, Mrs. Nora Smith.

Ronnie Helm, who is in Tarleton State College spent the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris and children of Amarillo spent the holidays here. They accompanied her mother, Mrs. McDonel home. She has been visiting there.

Mr. and Mrs. Rooster Wilson and son of Fort Worth spent the week end holidays with his mother.

Rev. Wade preached Sunday morning and a good crowd was there. We like him and his wife fine. If all the members will be faithful to attend, our church will be fine. The Methodist pastor and members were invited to the Baptist Church Sunday night to a Christmas program and it was nice and enjoyed by all. A large crowd was there.

Mrs. Nola Wingren, Paul Patterson, Bobby Jean Patterson and Michael Wayne Wilson of Dallas spent the week end holidays with their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson.

Bobby Jack Wilson of Wickett spent the holiday week end with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lelan Nabors and son of De Leon spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lawrence.

Junior McDonel of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays with his mother and his sister, Mrs. B. J. Fouts and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ellis and daughter Judy, Mrs. Ruth Bailey and children and Miss Ona Miller all of Dallas spent Christmas day with their mother, Mrs. John Miller. Ona remained over but Arleen and family and Ruth and family returned home Saturday.

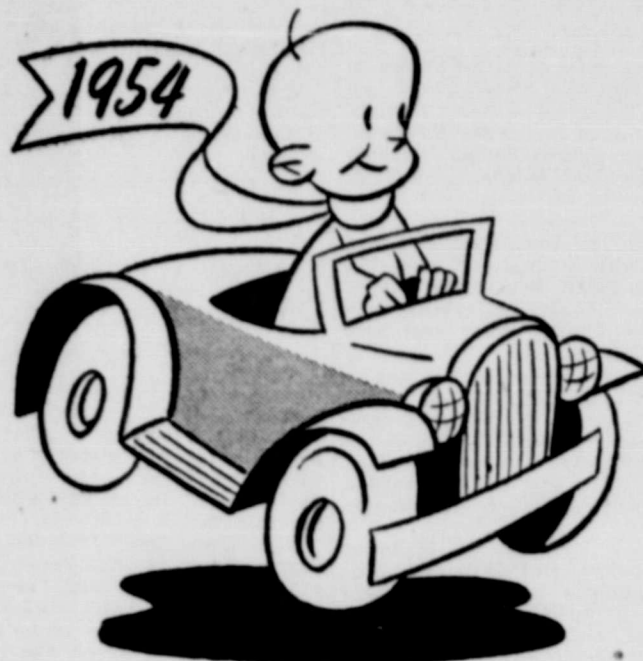
Mrs. Ida Wyche returned Tuesday from Lubbock where she had visited her son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Strickland of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Munerlyn of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Heyroth of Walnut Springs and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boyd Jr. and family spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Boyd Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wayne of Dallas came in Saturday to visit his mother, Mrs. C. A. Mitchell and family.

Mr. Bill Davis of Miles was killed in a car wreck on Thursday night. He was buried Saturday. Some of her relatives attended the funeral. Bill and his wife and family have

lived here and had many friends who send to them their sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thompson and children spent Christmas day in Walnut Springs with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trotter. Donny and Dale Johnson and Mary Sharp of Fort Worth spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Loader. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McDonel and children of Fort Worth spent the week end here. Some of the children of Mrs. Leah Tidwell spent the Christmas week end with her. I failed to get the names. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Behringer and children spent Friday in Fort Worth with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Dameron of Walnut Springs were here Saturday and his wife and family have



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Mrs. Pascal Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Talley and children spent the past Sunday in Grand Prairie with relatives.

Dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Brown and family Christmas Day were: Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Killion of Harbin, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abbott of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and children, Jerry and Nancy of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Martin of Iredell, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carey of Stephenville, Mrs. Helen Mile and son, Carey, Howard Carey of Fort Worth, Miss Hazel Crabtree, Stephenville, Jimmy Brown of Fort Worth and Mr. J. A. Craig and Miss Sallie Craig of Duffau.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Giesecke Jr. and family of Stephenville spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Drury.

Miss La Verne Stipe of Fort Worth visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stipe during the holidays.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rogers were Mr. and Mrs. Meh Giesecke and sons, Rondo and Reecie of Millerville, Mr. and Mrs. George French and children, Miss Tina Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Rogers and son, all of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rogers and baby of Davis, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albright and family of Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ash, Mr. and Mrs. Pascal Brown, Bonnie and Harry visited in Harbin Christmas night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Killion.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huel Lindsey during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lindsey, Miss Imogene Lindsey, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Lindsey and baby of Stephenville and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Greer.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Giesecke of Stephenville, Miss Oneta Giesecke of Bonham attended church services Sunday at the Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Powers and children of Lampasas, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sherrod and son Bobby of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Scott and son Randy of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Briles and daughter spent the holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Talley.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Land took Christmas dinner with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Lively and daughter Judy, in Hico. Mrs. M. Nelms accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Dore Nelms of Hamilton to Stephenville and took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Anderson and daughter, Janet, Christmas Day.

Mr. Seaborn Cox and daughter, Janice of Fort Worth, visited at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Ash spent the week end in Deedemona in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ash and family.

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OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR

The year of 1953 is a past issue, agriculturally speaking, but its effects linger on.

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Many farmers are taking up another notch in their belts to help relieve some of the hardships suffered in the unending dry weather that plagued a large part of Texas as this year. Other farmers gratefully remember the rains that snapped the record setting drought in their own areas.

The beginning of another agricultural year is the time, traditionally, for a liberal dose of optimism, judiciously sprinkled with some practical plans based on current situations.

and Mrs. J. E. Meisenheimer and daughter of Stephenville.

Mrs. A. B. Naul and children spent the holidays in Arlington with their husband and father, A. B. Naul.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lawrence and children visited in the Rio Grande Valley and Mexico during the holidays.

M-Sgt. D. W. Irwin and Mrs. Irwin and children of Mobile, Alabama and Mrs. Esther Templeton of San Angelo visited during the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Templeton.

Mrs. Bud Stringer was on the sick list the past week with the flu.

Diamond, Doris, Jimmy, Sandra, Charlotte, GERALD and Estell Clepper of Fort Worth visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Elkins recently.

Dale and Marie Elkins and children visited the bird farm at Clair-etto recently.

Mr. and Mrs. John Engler and family of Stephenville, Mr. and Mrs. Don McLean and Rickey of Eunice, N. Mex., Mrs. Mary Nachtigall of Alexander spent Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Nachtigall and family.

Arthur Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Young and daughter of Fort Worth spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Herrin.

Miss Kate Galloway of Rockwall and Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Galloway of Granbury visited Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Phillips during the holidays.

Miss Betty Land, Mr. and Mrs. James Uphaw and daughter of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. John Land and O. D. recently.

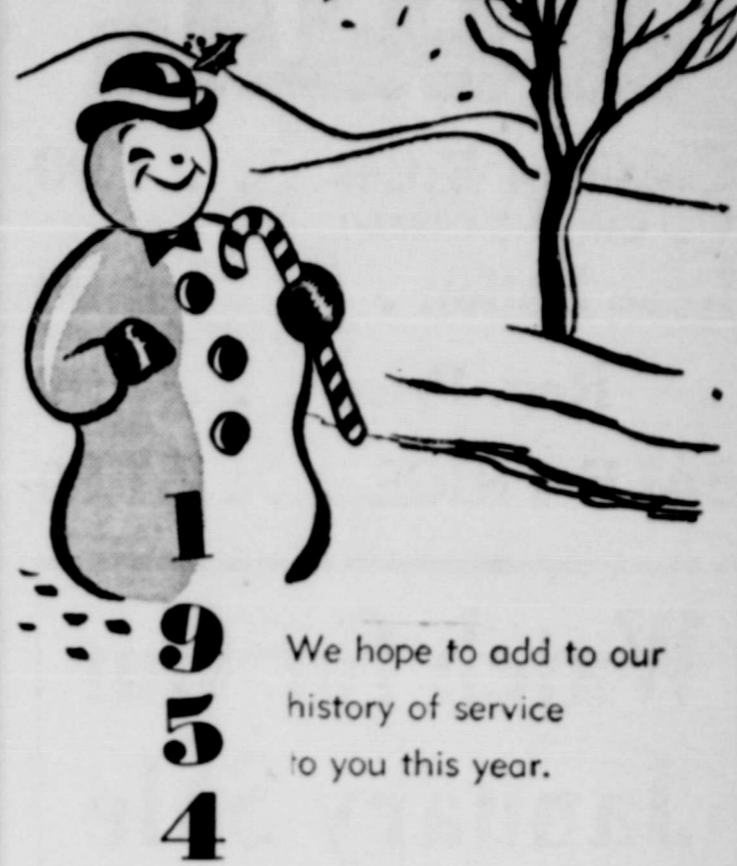
Mr. and Mrs. Robison and daughters of Lamesa visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Witt and Anada, and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Witt and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sumrall of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stringer recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy Locke and daughter of Grand Prairie visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Shannon and family Friday night.

Dale Elkins of Stephenville visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Elkins and family Wednesday.

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Campaign to Stimulate Letter Writing to Be Sponsored by USO

New York, Dec. 28.—A campaign to stimulate letterwriting to U. S. servicemen by their relatives, friends and fellow employees, which was launched recently by the Advertising Council, is being sponsored by USO.

In a letter to T. S. Repplier, president of the Council, Emil Schram, USO president, declared that sponsorship of a year-round "USO Mail Call" would be in line with the USO's obligation "to foster a general civilian interest in the welfare of the Armed Forces."

With USO backing, the campaign's promotional outlets, hitherto limited to radio, house magazines and small-space newspaper messages, will be enlarged to include other media such as television and direct mail pieces.

Mail Call advertising will continue to publicize the 10 do's and don'ts for writing to servicemen suggested by the Department of Defense and the Chaplain's office. These include:

Write often—if no time for a letter, send a postcard; fill them with personal news—good news whenever possible; write about what is going on in the home town or the neighborhood, church, club, school or college; forward news about his former place of employment, about his old job, about his union; write and enclose clippings about things that interest him, such as sports activities; use his correct address, using the proper APO or FPO.

Don't write to anyone you don't know; don't ask questions regarding the serviceman's unit, strength, location, or mission, which he should not or cannot answer; don't ask for names of "buddies" to whom friends, neighbors, or others may write; don't tell your troubles—he undoubtedly has plenty of his own.

USO services are financed by United Defense Fund through Community Chests or United Fund.

One-Day Conference on Industrial Development Scheduled for Abilene

Abilene, Dec. 28.—A one-day conference on techniques for industrial development will be held in Abilene, January 28, sponsored by West Texas Chamber of Commerce. E. L. Buelow, of San Angelo, chairman of the WTCC industrial committee, has announced that the meeting is designed for presidents, managers, and industrial committee members of local chambers of commerce.

"Fundamentals in the technique of industrial development will be stressed," Buelow said. "There are many things all of us need to know, or to review, about this business of more industries for our West Texas towns."

Subjects range from "where to begin" to "organizing for action", and include discussions on markets, transportation, labor, industrial financing, what industry looks for in selecting a location, and balanced community development.

Outstanding speakers on each subject are being contacted, Buelow said. The conference is the first in what is expected to be a series of annual events of this type in the West Texas region.

COUPLE TO OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Lee Trantham and his wife, Mrs. Ophelia Trantham, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on New Year's Day, and want to invite all their friends to come by their home to visit them on that day at their home.

Mr. Trantham will be 88 on May 2, and Mrs. Trantham will be 83 on September 3, and they are still active and have enjoyed a very nice Christmas.

They have one daughter, Mrs. (Myrtle) E. G. Adcock, six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. They also have one step grandson and one step granddaughter, Bettie Ann Abar, and one step great granddaughter, Christy Linn Abar.

They are looking forward to many more happy Christmas Days and New Year's Days.

ENJOY FAMILY DINNER

This Christmas was truly a joyous one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Grimes of Route 1, Iredell, since they enjoyed the presence of their daughter and son and their families during the long holiday week-end.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Fitch of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Grimes of Austin. Other out-of-county visitors were Mrs. D. O. Newton and Mr. and Mrs. John Huckabee, all of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grimes of Henrietta, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Grimes of Hico.

There was a wonderful Christmas dinner of turkey with all of the trimmings for all to enjoy.

Harvest of Wildlife Is at Season's Peak During the Holidays

Austin, Dec. 28.—The wildlife harvest apparently is reaching the season's peak during the holidays, according to the Executive Secretary of the Game and Fish Commission.

He said nimrods probably will emphasize big game and waterfowl shooting because of the apparent abundance of those species.

Reports from the Gulf Coast areas as well as from most inland lakes and reservoirs indicate that the ducks finally have moved into Texas after belated migration from the northland where fall weather was unusually mild.

The Executive Secretary estimated that a substantial number of hunters "will resume the quest of deer and turkey mainly in the Hill Country."

Meanwhile, the annual quail season continues de-emphasized because of the low population of bobwhites, blue quail and scaled quail.

Field reports indicate that quail hunting has been practically nonexistent in most Texas areas with land owners generally discouraging hunting to spare the seed stock. But some north central and northeast areas have had some fair quail hunting.

Wildlife Biologists incidentally forecast that with the return of favorable weather the quail population will rebound in a hurry and believe that this major fall sport again will be resumed full scale.

The big game season under the General State Law ends December 31 while waterfowl shooting will continue through January 4. The quail season under the General State Law ends January 16.

HOLIDAY PARTIES HOLD INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Petsick entertained Tuesday night of last week with a dinner party for bank officials and employees and their families.

The home was decorated in a festive theme, and Christmas holly was used on the tables. Guests were served a delicious turkey dinner.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Goodloe and Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Randall, James Ford and Barbara, Misses Catheryn Walker, Thersia Holley and Ruth Phillips, and the host and hostess.

The Bluebonnet Country Club was the scene of the second annual Christmas party for children of members Sunday afternoon of last week.

Gifts were distributed from the decorated tree, and refreshments were served.

Members of the Homemakers Class of the First Baptist Church had their husbands as guests at their yuletide party at the church Monday night. Mrs. L. H. Davis, teacher of the class, was hostess.

Members of the Hico Church of Christ met at Fireman's Hall recently for a covered-dish supper, their Christmas program and the exchange of gifts.

The minister, Lonnie Branam, and Mrs. Branam were presented with a rug for their living room. About 85 members attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ogle entertained with a Samba party at their attractive new home on Monday evening of last week.

Refreshments were served and guests enjoyed card games and admiring the house which has been so cleverly remodeled since they bought the Goad residence a few months ago.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ogle, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Everett, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Phillips and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Boyd were hosts to a family reunion just before Christmas on their Double B Ranch near Hico. All six living children of a family of nine came to the ranch, and Mrs. Boyd returned with them to Fort Worth and Dallas for a series of planned entertainments.

Those who enjoyed a venison dinner at the ranch were J. Mike Byrne, Canal Zone; Col. and Mrs. H. L. Clemons, Chicago, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Du Pont and son Larry Jr., Dallas; Chris Byrne, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bobby Byrne and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Boyd, all of Fort Worth.

The Boyds are expecting to entertain the family again for a New Year's gathering.



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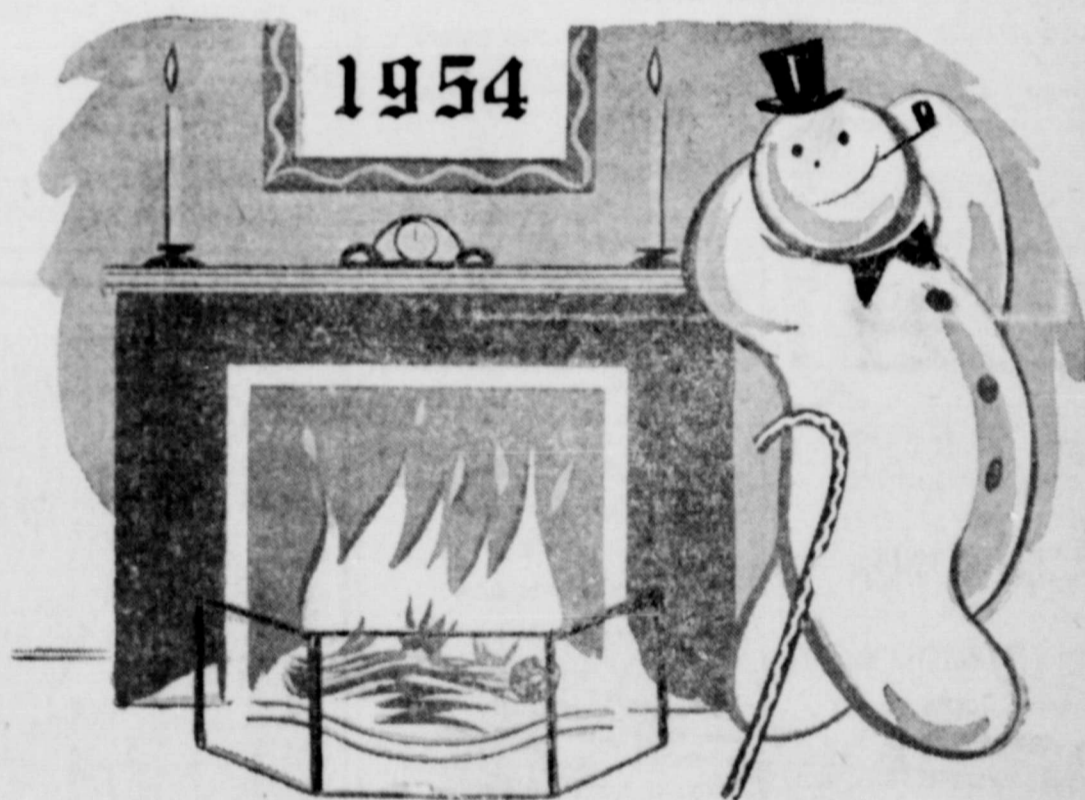
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